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HARMON URGES FOOD INQUIRY

Sends Short But Pointed Message To Legislature

Committee That Is To Investigate High Cost Of Living Has Autocratic Powers To Compel Attendance Of Wit- nesses And Presentation Of Books, Papers And Cor- respondence Of Business Firms—Tremendous Opposition Brought To Bear

Columbus, O., Jan. 13.—Governor Harmon sent to the general assembly a message urging the appointment of a committee to investigate the high cost of living. The reading of the message in the senate was followed by the introduction of Senator Beatty's resolution calling for the appointment of a joint committee of the senate and house, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough investigation of conditions as they exist throughout the state and report to the legislature what steps are necessary to prevent the further imposition of heavy burdens on the people by food combines, if it is found that the rapid increase in the cost of all articles is due in whole or in part to combinations on the part of commission men, jobbers and

which should be promptly and thoroughly inquired into. If it be found that there are laws which put the people in the power of men who thrive by taking advantage of their necessities, or that there is a lack of proper laws to prevent such impositions, or that existing laws to that end are not duly enforced, in either case the means of relief are in your power. Or, if the fault lies partly in the laws of congress, your judgment as to their effect on the people of Ohio will have great weight.

"I respectfully recommend that a joint committee be appointed with all necessary power for a thorough investigation."

"JUDSON HARMON, Governor."

The attorney general is to ask that the legislature amend the Valentine anti-trust law so that immunity may be granted to those who testify in a civil action brought to learn the reasons for high prices. The law now only grants immunity after an indictment has been brought in a criminal suit.

The cold storage men are already coming into see the legislators and in the statehouse itself are protesting the uselessness of any investigation. Letters coming in to legislators from the merchants who handle the produce and who are usually men of influence, politically and financially, in their communities. The effect is already plainly perceptible. There is less of enthusiasm and determination observable. House members and senate members are quietly obstructing and decrying the activity of Beatty, Demman and Governor Harmon.

The good old friend of the corporations, Mr. Supply and Demand, is right on the job. The argument is being made by interested parties that the high prices are due to increased demand for food resulting from a growing population and declining capacity for production, and that the legislature can not remedy these conditions.

THE FIGHT TO CONTINUE

Dayton, O., Jan. 13.—In a speech here Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the house of representatives, attacked Speaker Cannon and what is known as "Cannonism." Mr. Clark declared that "the tide is everywhere rising against 'Cannonism,' and that the fight against the house rules would continue until crowned with complete success."

RUSHED TO THE PEN

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 13.—Jenks Proctor, a negro, shot and killed Policeman Warren DeVinch and wounded Policeman Patrick Sweeney, while resisting arrest. There were threats of lynching Proctor and Isora Murray, a negro in the county jail convicted of attacking a white woman last summer. The sheriff and city officials rushed Proctor and Murray to the Kansas penitentiary.



SENATOR BEATTY.

Father of Movement to Investigate Alleged Food Combine in Ohio.

retailers. The resolution empowers the committee to compel the attendance of witnesses, the production of books, records, papers and other written or printed evidence which in its judgment are necessary for a complete investigation of the matter in hand. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote. The committee will be appointed today.

Governor Harmon's message to the legislature follows:

"The General Assembly: There have been rapid and continuous advances in prices of the various articles which make up the needs of every household, and further advances are expected. The result is pinching and causes privation everywhere, except among the relatively few whose incomes greatly exceed their living expenses, and even these are made less able and willing to help the poor and needy.

"There is a widespread belief that, among the causes of this, combinations and conspiracies to stifle competition and advance prices figure largely. This belief is apparently justified by the enormous differences between the prices paid to farmers, cattle raisers and other producers and those paid by consumers to the dealers from whom they directly receive their supplies. It is currently reported, too, on the statements of such dealers and other authority, that the prices at which they sell are fixed by those from whom they buy, with threats of cutting off further dealings if the prices so fixed are not maintained.

Prompt Action Is Needed. "I feel that this subject is one



GLENN CURTISS AND BARONESS DE LA ROCHE, FAMOUS AVIATORS.

Glenn Curtiss of Hammondsport, N. Y., Louis Paulhan and Baroness de la Roche are the most famous aviators entered for the aviation meeting at Los Angeles, the first tournament of its kind ever arranged on this continent. The baroness, who uses a machine similar to that in which Bleriot crossed the English channel and who was injured in a recent accident in France, signed to come to this country under a large cash guarantee. Mr. Curtiss has been enjoined by the Wright brothers from exhibiting his machine.

OHIO FAIR MANAGERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Columbus, O., Jan. 13.—W. M. Hardman of Yellow Springs was elected president of the Ohio Fair Improvement association and treasurer of the Ohio Plant Breeders' association. Other officers of the improvement association for the coming year are: A. E. Eudaly of Hamilton, vice president; L. H. Goddard of Wooster, secretary, and C. S. French of Salem, treasurer. Daniel Egbert of Tiffin was elected president of the breeders' association and C. G. Williams of Wooster, secretary.

About 300 members of the State Fair Boys' association perfected the merger of the Ohio Fair Managers' association and the association of presidents and secretaries. S. J. Vining of Celina was chosen president of the new organization and A. E. Schaefer of Wapakoneta was elected secretary.

Letters were received from officials

of the American and National Trotting associations announcing their inability to have representatives present at the local meeting. The information was given, however, that if the local organization would send a delegate to the meeting of the National association in New York, Feb. 9, he would be welcomed, and upon presenting the complaint of the local association be aided in every way in having set aside the secret membership agreements now in vogue with both trotting associations.

A. P. Sandies, secretary of the state board of agriculture, was chosen as delegate to the National meeting and commissioned to secure the abolishment of the agreement complained against.

Thirty thousand dollars in cash was found secreted in odd places in the home of Rev. Nicholas Simon, a New Orleans priest, after his death.

LICKED UP BY FIRE

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13.—Fire which started from defective wiring in the stock rooms of the Young & Chafee furniture store, destroyed the building and spread to the five-story Manufacturers' building, which was also consumed. The loss is in excess of \$1,000,000.

HOMeward BOUND

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Roberta De Janon, the \$10,000,000 heiress, and Frederick Cohen, the waiter with whom she eloped, started back to Philadelphia on a Pennsylvania train in charge of Detectives Emanuel and Scanlon of Philadelphia. They will arrive in Philadelphia at 6 o'clock this evening.

THE INCOME TAX CERTAIN OF DEFEAT

Washington, Jan. 13.—As far as indications go now, the pending income tax amendment to the constitution of the United States submitted last session as a senatorial compromise is beaten already. Eleven states are practically certain to withhold ratification. Only one more negative is necessary to defeat the proposition, and five states are classed as leaning that way, so it appears to be perfectly plain that Senator Brown's amendment has little chance.

Senators and representatives and others in official life from the various states, though somewhat chary in discussing the situation for publication,

admit privately their belief that more than one-fourth of the states will decline to ratify the amendment.

THIS AND THAT

Three men were blown to pieces when a nitroglycerin magazine exploded near Franklin, Pa.

Ten residents of Horta, Spain, have been sentenced to death for participation in the recent revolutionary riots.

Boston reformers ask for a recount of the mayoralty vote, asserting their belief that it will result in the defeat of Mayor-elect Fitzgerald.

PAULHAN SOARS AMONG CLOUDS

Daring French Aviator Breaks Altitude Record.

IMMENSE CROWD GOES WILD

When Announcement Is Made That Height of 4,165 Feet Is Reached 50,000 People Rush From Grandstand to Starting Point and Carry "Bird-Man" on Shoulders Up and Down the Field—Finally Breaks Away and Falls Into Arms of Wife.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 13.—The world's record for altitude was broken by Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, who attained a height of 4,165 feet. He announced that he was going to try for the altitude record, and made several early flights, but did not go very high and the crowd gave up hope of seeing any particularly high flying. Later the French aviator, unannounced, appeared from near the aeroplane tent and flew directly past the grandstand at a height of about 30 feet, and with a low bow and sweep of his arm, he lifted the nose of his aeroplane in the air. The crowd knew that this was to be an attempt for height and cheered the daring "bird-man." Round and round the course he went, each time going higher. After he reached an altitude of 1,000 feet the announcer began giving the elevations. When the announcer called 4,165 feet 50,000 persons clambered down from the grandstand and massed in front of the starting point, where Paulhan was to finish. When he reached the ground he was seized by those nearest to him and carried on their shoulders up and down the field, but at last he broke from the crowd and rushed into the arms of his wife. Weeping with joy, they embraced. Then Paulhan embraced Miscarol and Nasona, his French assistants. It was an hour before the crowd let them leave the field.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

EAST BUFFALO.—Cattle: Export steers, \$10.00 to \$12.50; choice shipping steers, \$5.00 to \$6.00; butcher cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; fat cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls, \$2.00 to \$3.00; milkers and springers, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Calves—\$10.00 to \$12.00. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$5.00 to \$6.00; wethers, \$5.00 to \$6.00; ewes, \$4.50 to \$5.50; lambs, \$7.00 to \$8.00; yearlings, \$7.00 to \$8.00. Hogs—Heavies, \$8.00 to \$9.00; mediums, \$7.00 to \$8.00; Yorkers, \$8.00 to \$9.00; pigs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; roughs, \$2.00 to \$3.00; stags, \$7.00 to \$8.00.

CHICAGO.—Cattle: Beefers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; western steers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.00. Calves—\$10.00 to \$12.00. Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$5.00 to \$6.00; western, \$4.00 to \$5.00; native lambs, \$6.00 to \$7.00; western, \$5.00 to \$6.00; yearlings, \$7.00 to \$8.00. Hogs—Light, \$8.00 to \$9.00; heavy, \$7.00 to \$8.00; rough, \$6.00 to \$7.00; pigs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; What—No. 2 red, \$1.25 to \$1.30; No. 3 white, 66c. Oats—No. 2, 48c.

PITTSBURGH.—Cattle: Choice, \$6.00 to \$7.00; prime, \$5.00 to \$6.00; city butchers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls and stags, \$2.00 to \$3.00; fresh cows, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Calves—Veal, \$6.00 to \$7.00. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$5.00 to \$6.00; good mixed, \$4.00 to \$5.00; lambs, \$6.00 to \$7.00; yearlings, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Hogs—Prime heavy hogs, \$8.00 to \$9.00; mediums, \$7.00 to \$8.00; heavy Yorkers, \$8.00 to \$9.00; light Yorkers and pigs, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

CLEVELAND.—Cattle: Prime dry-fed cattle, \$5.00 to \$6.00; fat steers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls, \$2.00 to \$3.00; milkers and springers, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Calves—\$10.00 to \$12.00. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$5.00 to \$6.00; ewes, \$4.00 to \$5.00; lambs, \$6.00 to \$7.00; Hogs—Heavies, \$8.00 to \$9.00; mediums, \$7.00 to \$8.00; Yorkers, \$8.00 to \$9.00; pigs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; roughs, \$2.00 to \$3.00; stags, \$7.00 to \$8.00.

CINCINNATI.—Wheat: No. 2 red, \$1.25 to \$1.30; No. 3, 42c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 49c to 50c. Rye—No. 2, 81c to 82c. Lard—\$12.00 to \$12.50. Bulk Meats—\$12.00 to \$12.50. Bacon—\$12.00 to \$12.50. Cattle—\$2.00 to \$3.00. Sheep—\$2.00 to \$3.00. Lambs—\$4.00 to \$5.00. Hogs—\$6.00 to \$7.00.

BOSTON.—Wool: Ohio XX, 37c; No. 1 washed, 40c to 41c; fine unwashed, 37c to 38c; 1/2-blood combing, 35c to 36c; 1/4-blood combing, 34c to 35c; delaine washed, 39c to 40c; delaine unwashed, 32c; Kentucky and Indiana 1/4-blood, 42c; 1/2-blood, 32c to 33c.

England's Old Common Field System.

A "common field" is quite distinct from a "common." It is a field belonging to numerous owners. The land consists of long narrow strips, perhaps not more than ten yards wide and running parallel with one another. What are the exact rules of cultivation that obtain in Kent today we do not know, but of old it was usual to have a regular rotation, such as wheat one year, barley or oats the second and fallow the third. When the crops were harvested, each member of the community getting his or her share, all could put in their cattle, which roamed over the whole field, feeding on the stubble, etc. And this was termed the "right of sack." The "common field" system was gradually done away with by statutes in the reigns of George III and William IV.—London Express.

HAVE OPTICS ON MAN HIGHER UP

Federal Jury Expected To Indict Sugar Trust Official

Accused Of Weighing Frauds—Former Employees Give Testimony That Discloses Trail Of Officer Who Served Under Havemeyer Administration And Has Been Re-Elected To High Position—Directors Sub- mit Report Calling Attention To Their Own Goodness

New York, Jan. 13.—It is expected that within the next few days the federal grand jury here will hand down an indictment against an executive officer of the American Sugar Refining company, the noted sugar trust, for participation in the underweighing frauds that cost the United States treasury \$30,000,000 or more.

The news came almost simultaneously with the issuance of a denial by the directors of the trust that any executive officer or director had any knowledge of or participation in the fraudulent underweighing. The denial was made in the annual report read to the stockholders at the annual meeting.

Here is the way it was worded: "No attempt whatever has been made to shield anyone, and your board has no reason to believe and does not believe that any executive officer or director of the company had any knowledge of or participation in this fraudulent underweighing."

One of the final acts of the December grand jury, which retired on Monday, was the investigation of the connection of one of the highest officials of the sugar trust with the conspiracy to rob the treasury. About the first thing the January grand jury took up when it got down to work was the part this officer is alleged to have had in the scheme by which the trust stole \$2,000,000 a year for 15 years. "He lay deep and quiet," said one who is familiar with the steps the government has taken to nail a man higher up, "and it was a hard task to get the evidence needed."

Has Served Trust Well.

The executive officer in question is one who served the trust under the late Havemeyer, and who has continued in office since Mr. Havemeyer's death, throughout the widespread publicity given to the fraud and after the trust confessed in the United States court that it was a thief. He was re-elected to office.

While the government's special counsel could not extract from Splitzer, Kehoe, Boyle, Coyle and Hennessey, the dock superintendents and

checkers who got a year in prison for minor parts in the conspiracy to defraud, the information they sought to lead them to the man higher up, it is no particular secret around the federal building that two other former employees of the trust, Bilton and McCray, who had to be brought from a long distance, supplied the missing details.

Along with the denial that any officer or director had been mixed up in the crookedness was the statement that the directors did not believe that there was anything illegal in the wrecking of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company, for which five of the directors of the trust, Arthur Donner, Charles H. Sent, J. B. Parsons, Joan Mayer and George H. Frazier, were indicted for conspiracy in restraint of trade. Sent and Mayer are out of the directorate. Donner, Frazier and Parsons still remain.

SULLIVAN ELECTED

Columbus, O., Jan. 13.—D. H. Sullivan was elected president of the Ohio Mine Workers to succeed William Green, who resigned to run for national president, but was defeated.

BURNED TO DEATH

Friday, O., Jan. 13.—The body of Mrs. Fannie Binley, 80, was found burned to a crisp in her home. A lamp had exploded.

WOULD PUT BURDEN OF PROOF ON TRUSTS

Toledo, O., Jan. 13.—Judge L. W. Wachanheimer, former county prosecutor, who sent the ice trust men to jail, broke up the bridge and lumber trust, and who has been named by Senator Beatty to be appointed as counsel for the committee to investigate the food trust probe in Ohio, in an interview declared the Valentine law can bust the food trust.

"The Valentine law furnishes an excellent working basis for prosecution. It should not be emasculated; it might as well be made uniformly of force charged by men engaged in the same trade prima facie evidence of the existence of a combination to control trade. Such a rule would put the burden of proof upon the fellows suspected of being in a combination. I know this will raise protests, but conditions have reached such a stage that we must step aside from the old established rules of evi-

dence, which have been so distorted as to form a bulwark behind which these fellows can hide and defy the public with impunity. An innocent man will be the first one to come forward and prove his innocence."

YOUTH KILLS MARSHAL

Son of Wealthy Georgian Resents Interference With Auto Speeding. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13.—At Clayton, 40 miles from Savannah, William Bradley, son of a wealthy naval stores operator, shot and killed William Baggett, the town marshal, for arresting him on a charge of speeding an automobile. When Baggett placed his hand on Bradley's shoulder the latter drew a revolver, firing four times. Three shots took effect. Bradley has not been arrested, but will probably surrender today.